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ABSTRACT

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Copy of G.O.Ms.No.4738 Home, dated 23rd December, 1947.

Sub: Act-Arms Act and Rules-Confiscated firearms-Disposal-Revised rules-Issued.

Read: 1. G.O.No.367 Public (Police) dated 18.7.1933.
2. G.O.No.586 Public (Police), dated 29.11.1934.
3. G.O.No.2920 Home, dated 2.10.1944.
4 G.O.No.407, Home, dated 29.1.1947.
5. Rx Letter from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, No.15-44-47 Police dated 13.11.1947.

ORDER:

The Government of India have reviewed the rules and instructions regarding the disposal of forefeited and confiscated firearms and have decided that in supersession of the standing orders on the subject the sale of forfeited and confiscated pistols and revolvers of non-prohibited bore to Government Servants and others who are duly licensed, may now be ~~omitted~~ permitted. The Government of India, however, desire that Government servants according to the needs of each category should be given preference over others.

2. As regards forefeited and confiscated pistols, revolvers, rifles and muskets of the prohibited bore, the Government of India have no objection to these weapons being acquired by the Provincial Government and loaned to Government servants, who are a authorised to keep them as part of their equipment, as in the case of Police, Home Guards, or who by the nature of their duties require a weapon for protection such as Magistrates, Judges, etc. These weapons should not however, be allowed to become the private property of the persons to whom they are issued.

3. Confiscated and forefeited firearms which cannot be disposed of in the above manner should, as previously, be sent to arsenals for disposal.

4. The rules embodying the above decision, which supercede those issued in G.O.No.367 Public (Police) dated 18th July, 1933 as subsequently amended, are annexed to this order:

ANNEXURE

Rules for the disposal of confiscated arms and ammunitions.

(1) Arms, ammunition and stores which can be utilised by the Police or any other Government Department may be retained or brought into use with the sanction of the Provincial Government. Pistols, revolvers, rifles, and muskets of the prohibited bores which may thus be acquired, may be loaned to Government servants, who are authorised to keep them as part of their equipment or who by the nature of their duties require the protection of a weapon. These should not however be allowed to become the property of the persons to whom they are issued.

(2) Arms ammunition and xx stores, not so retained shall be disposed of in the following manner:-

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(a) all revolvers, pistols, rifles and ammunition of prohibited bore shall be sent to the nearest arsenal for disposal;

(b) Pistols and revolvers of "Non-Prohibited bore" may be sold to Government servants and "others" who are duly licensed. Government servants should however be given preference over "others" according to the needs of each category.

(c) Arms ammunition and stores other than those described under (a) and (b) above may be sold to licensed dealers or other persons entitled to possess them

(d) Arms not disposed of under (b) and (c) shall be broken up locally and the materials sold, unless they are rifled fire-arms or rifle barrels, in which case they should be sent to the nearest arsenal to be broken up. Ammunition and stores not disposed of under (b) and (c) shall be destroyed. Alternatively, all arms, ammunition and stores which cannot be disposed of under (b) and (c) may be sent to the nearest arsenal for disposal.

(3) An acknowledgement should be obtained from the Officer in-charge of the arsenal concerned of the receipt of arms and ammunition sent to him under rule (2) above, and in due course, a certificate that the said arms and ammunition have been either destroyed or taken into ordnance stock.

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